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we request for that Purpose, and the Bill may then pass for the Regulation of the Staple, Lawyers Fees, Clergies Allowance, and the Payment of the Publick, County, and Parochid Charges.

It your is nours do not incline to accept either of these Propolitions, we have only to request, that you will fend flown the Bill, that after finishing the Bulinels of the Seffion, we may return to the Care of our domestick Affairstand modeles bigued by Order; and a neglement of the case of the care of the case of the c

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, 16th November 19704 26 1

DEING defirous of removing, as far as we can, all Milinderstandings, we must take the Liberty to recapitulate what has passed in our Intercourse on the Inspection Bill, ain order, to how the proper State to which the Matter has been brought.

We returned the Bill with a Negative and Message in the last Session, under an Expediation that the Proposal of a Conference would come from your House, as happened on a similar Pro-

No Proposal of a Conference, baying been made by your House, we inferred that you were averse from making the first Overture, and therefore, on our Part, pursuing the Method observed

in 1-47, we made it.

Had a Conference been the Confequence of this Proposal, the Bill, in all its Parts would have been the Subject, but you declined to engage in a Conference on these general Terms, or on Amendments we might propose before you had them in one Yiew. On your Intimation of this Circumstance, we informed you, in our last Message, what our Conferees would have received in Charge, as Instructions to regulate their Conduct, had a Conserence ensued on the Proposal we first made for the Purpole. :

If a Conference had been proposed by your House, we should at once have joined you therein, and instructed our Conferees in the Manner abovementioned : On this Confideration, There has been long Experience of the Regulation of Fees contained in the Inspection-Act; it was established on much Deliberation; it has been continued by many different Assemblies; on these Circumstances a Presumption arises, that the old Regulation was, in the Main, well adapted to the Subject; but you having observed in your Message of the Twelfth Instant, that many Abuses in the Charges under the old Regulation had fallen within your Notice, and that you had endeavoured to obviate " the Pretences you esteem to be Abuses;" we therefore have informed you, that we should be willing to concur with you in any proper Method to prevent all real Abuses for the future. Upon the whole, we meant that the old Regulation, fo far as no Abufes were imputable to its Defects, should stand, and so far as Abuses had really happened in Practice under it, that it should be corrected in the Instances wherein a Correction should appear to be expedient. By this Mode of Procedure, we apprehend a better Regulation may be established than by a new Lift.

If, however, you incline to confer, as proposed in your last Message, on these Points, viz. the Fees of Officers and the Provilions thereon dependant, the Mode of recovering Penalties, and the Time of closing the Inspection, as well as on the last Proposition contained in our Message of the Tenth Instant, we shall be ready to join you, and consider the Conserence as proceeding from your Propo al; but we hold ourselves obliged to inform you, to prevent Disappointment, that we shall think ourselves to be at full Liberty to instruct our Conferees, and that we shall explicitly instruct them not to agree to any Departure from the old Regulation, except for the Purpose of preventing Abuses in Charges under it, if, on this Account, a Correction or Alteration should appear to be expedient, and also, not to agree to any further Reduction of Fees than that which must necessarily follow from the Election given to all Persons to discharge the Fees in Tobacco or Money, as may best suit them.

On our being informed that you will engage in a Conference on these Terms, we shall proceed to the Appointment of Conferees, or that you will not, your Bill shall be returned. Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.

By the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, Nevember 19, 1770. May it please year HONOURS,

ROM recapitulating in your Meffages particular Parts of your Conduct in our Intercourse on the Inspection Bills, in the last and present Session, you seem desirous of doing something more than removing, as far as you can, all Misunderstanding, or to shew the proper State to which the Matter has been brought; your Honours will, therefore, permit us to place, in one View, cur Conduct on the Subject, as well as some Part of yours which you may inadvertently have omitted. After an Inquiry into the Amount of Fees in the principal Offices, as well as into their State and Condition, and being fatisfied of the Exorbitancy of the Profits, and the negligent and careless Manner in which those Offices have been executed, we compared many Accounts, in which the Fees of Office were charged, with the old Regulation, which ought to have governed therein; and finding that many Articles had become common Place Charges in Instances where no Service at all was done; that others were doubly charged; and observing, that generally where combined Interest and Ingenuity could invent a colourable Pretext for a new Charge, it had been adopted by Fellow-Officers; we thought it highly necessary, in the now altered Circumstances of the Province, not only to recur to the Principle of 12/6 for

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